



### **Program Description**

National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) is a new program launching in Fall 2007 to provide free training and support for counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college. Professional trainers will not only provide comprehensive up-to-date information, materials, and resources regarding federal and state student financial aid programs, but participants will also receive ongoing information and support from NT4CM partners.

### **Participants**

NT4CM is available for any individual who advises students and their families on how to fund education beyond high school.

### **Training Dates and Locations**

Training workshops of approximately 4-6 hours will be offered annually and will take place initially in states electing to participate in the NT4CM launch. Participating states will either provide training using the NT4CM materials in their entirety or will incorporate portions of the materials into their existing training programs. The training will typically take place from October through December although some states may offer the training before October or after December. Please visit the Registration page at [www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/nt4cmreg](http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/nt4cmreg) for a list of states participating this year.

If your state is not participating in the initial NT4CM launch, it may provide other training programs for counselors and mentors. The State Training Programs page at [www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/NT4CMStateTrainingPrograms.html](http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/NT4CMStateTrainingPrograms.html) provides information on other state training programs and/or contact information for determining if additional state training programs are available.

### **Registration**

Registration has begun for some participating states. For some states, registration will not be available until we get closer to the training dates. The Registration page at [www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/nt4cmreg](http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/nt4cmreg) will show which states have registration available and will provide a link to that state's registration. For states that do not have registration available yet, the Registration page will provide the dates for when registration will be available.

## Materials and Resources

NT4CM materials will be available for download from the Materials and Resources page <http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov/clcf/NT4CMResources.html>. Additional resources are also available from the following Web sites:

- The Federal Student Aid Web site [www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov](http://www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov) provides information on how to join Federal Student Aid's mailing list, a comprehensive variety of publications available for order, as well as tips and guidelines on planning financial aid nights.
- The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) Web site [www.nasfaa.org](http://www.nasfaa.org) includes information on college preparation, as well as a resource guide on how to increase awareness among students and families of the necessity of preparing financially for college early.
- The National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP) Web site [www.nchelp.org](http://www.nchelp.org) offers a comprehensive and up-to-date library of information on the latest postsecondary financial aid issues.

## Partners

NT4CM is sponsored by Federal Student Aid, the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), and the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs (NCHELP).